

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims

1. (currently amended) A seatbelt device comprising a pre-tensioner for tensioning a seatbelt by moving a member connected to the seat belt; and a shock absorbing mechanism for absorbing shock resulting from stopping the movement of the member the shock absorbing member includes two compressible members, the second compressible member surrounding the first compressible member.

2. (canceled)

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3. (currently amended) The device of claim 2 1, wherein the two compressible members includes accordion folds.

4. (currently amended) The device of claim 2 1, wherein the first compressible member includes a compressible portion and a rigid portion.

5. (currently amended) The device of claim 2 1, wherein the mechanism further includes a second compressible member is configured to begin compressing immediately upon movement of the moving member due to operation of the pre-tensioner in order to absorb shock due to movement of the member.

6. (currently amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the first mentioned compressible member is configured to begin compressing after the second compressible member has undergone a predetermined amount of compression.

7. (original) The device of claim 5, wherein the compression of the second compressible member is limited by a rigid portion of the first compressible member.

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8. (currently amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the ~~second~~ first compressible member covers a wire connected to the pre-tensioner.

9. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the member connected to the seatbelt comprises a buckle.

10. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the member connected to the seatbelt comprises a lap anchor.

11. (original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a wire connected to the member and connected to the pre-tensioner.

12. (currently amended) The device of claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein the shock absorbing mechanism is configured to hold the wire at a predetermined angle from the direction in which the member pre-tensioner moves.

13. (original) A seat belt device comprising:

- a pre-tensioner;
- a movable member connected to the seat belt;
- a wire connected to the pre-tensioner and the movable member, wherein during operation of the pre-tensioner the wire is pulled causing the movable member to move and the seat belt to be tensioned; and
- a shock absorbing mechanism configured to absorb shock associated with movement of the member;

wherein the shock absorbing mechanism includes two compressible members positioned around the wire.

14. (original) A seat belt device comprising:

- a pre-tensioner;
- a movable member connected to the seat belt;

a wire connected to the pre-tensioner and the movable member, wherein during operation of the pre-tensioner the wire is pulled causing the movable member to move and the seat belt to be tensioned; and

a shock absorbing mechanism configured to absorb shock associated with movement of the member;

wherein the shock absorbing member includes two compressible members, the first compressible member surrounding the second compressible member and wherein the second compressible member includes a relatively rigid portion to limit the movement of the movable member.

15. (new) The device of claim 1, wherein the shock absorbing mechanism limits the movement of the movable member.